

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A fuel injection valve for internal combustion engines, with a housing (~~1~~) that contains a moving valve element (~~12~~) whose movement counter to the elastic force of a spring element (~~30~~) controls the fuel supply to the combustion chamber (~~6~~) of the engine.

- 5 The spring element (~~30~~) has the form of a cylindrical sleeve whose wall contains openings (~~45~~) at a number of locations that allow the spring element (~~30~~) to be elastically deformed in the longitudinal direction (~~Fig. 2~~).

12. (New) The fuel injection valve according to claim 11, wherein openings (45) are disposed in at least two radial planes, and wherein the openings of the one radial plane are rotated by 90° in relation to those in the adjacent radial plane.

13. (New) The fuel injection valve according to claim 9, wherein the openings (45) are embodied as slot-shaped.

14. (New) The fuel injection valve according to claim 13, wherein the ends (47) of the openings (45) are rounded.

15. (New) The fuel injection valve according to claim 14, wherein the openings (45) have a longitudinal axis (52) in relation to which they are symmetrical and wherein the openings (45) have the form of a longitudinal slot that tapers in the middle in relation to this longitudinal axis (52).

16. (New) The fuel injection valve according to claim 9, wherein the spring element (30) is contained in the housing (1) in an elastically prestressed position.